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## "WITH CHARITY FOR ALL."

In every community, and especially in  
every intelligent and cultivated commu-  
nity, there can be found a large number  
of persons who are prejudiced against  
signing the temperance pledge. They  
have never been brought face to face  
with the evils which called this form of  
agreement into existence. They have no  
desire to drink, and are not in the habit  
of drinking. But they are disinclined to  
sign any paper which appears to them  
needless or formal.

Such persons are perfectly right in  
supposing that a "pledge," in and of it-  
self, can do no man any large amount of  
good. The promise of a liar is no guaran-  
tee of his truth; the note of a bank-  
rupt represents no value; the assurance  
of friendship on the part of a traitor  
gives no ground of confidence. There  
are of course, among the readiest signers,  
the weak, the impulsive and those who  
would sooner sign and sneak away to  
drink than refuse to sign and keep sober.  
It is always a hard matter to resist public  
sentiment, whether it be right or wrong.

We utterly dislike and protest against  
any persecution or intolerance in temper-  
ance work. A forced signature to a  
pledge is a useless, and sometimes even  
hurtful thing. And no one of character  
and standing will come forward at the  
point of the bayonet and put on the red  
ribbon, unless he is willing to lose a cer-  
tain share of self-respect and to be con-  
scious of occupying a false position.  
This much we have to say for what we  
have often regarded as the injudicious  
haste of those whose zeal outran their  
judgment.

On the other hand, may we not gain  
more by urging a nobler motive—that of  
philanthropy? It cannot truly be said  
of a very extensive class in our midst  
that they are either inhuman or ungener-  
ous. It may be sincerely regretted that  
they have not been at first inclined to  
the act of signing the pledge, and then  
have been kept back by the very over-  
conscientiousness given to them in appeals  
and efforts. But we believe they will  
not be found wanting in the all-round  
work of Temperance, and, therefore, they  
and their influence ought to be conserved  
and not thrown aside.

Let the red ribbon, which is so excel-  
lent a badge of charitable purpose else-  
where, not degenerate with us into a  
symbol of division. If this should un-  
fortunately be the case the work, so hap-  
pily begun, will be only too brief. Char-  
acter, energy and money are all needed  
for the permanence of the cause. And  
there is nothing we should more heartily  
regret than any division or separation of  
good people in the commencement of a  
dangerous and even deadly struggle like  
that before us.

We have begun in Bloomfield what it  
is our sincere desire may prove a purify-  
ing and ennobling reformation. It may  
benefit the town to an extent which can  
scarcely be measured or estimated. We  
hope that this signing of the pledge will  
prove, eventually, no obstacle to any  
among us; but we are certain that it will  
not do to brand those who do not sign  
it as either towards, or traitors, or en-  
emies. If this should occur it will be a  
disaster indeed.

## THE FUTURE OF LIBRARY HALL.

We print in our local columns the re-  
port of a meeting in which the interests  
of this important building were dis-  
cussed. As it now stands the Hall is a  
disgrace, an eye-sore, a detriment to sur-  
rounding properties, and bears a per-  
manent falsehood on its front. The pur-  
pose for which it was erected has never  
been carried out. It is in an exceedingly  
bad shape, and this is the golden oppor-  
tunity to redeem it to effective public  
use and benefit.

All who have been so unfortunate as to  
sing or speak upon its platform—to say  
nothing of that innumerable company  
who have shivered and suffered in its icy  
chill—unite in denouncing its present ap-  
pearance. The roof is defective, and the  
style of the building is inadequate to the

various demands upon it. In this every-  
body agrees with everybody else.

A proposition has now been made by  
the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company  
of Newark, which bought it at mortgage  
sale, to transfer it to a company of citi-  
zens at the same price for which they ob-  
tained it. This makes it, to begin with,  
an exceedingly cheap purchase and will  
permit the expenditure of enough money  
to refit and remodel the building and  
afford a reasonable return on the in-  
vestment.

There is even a definite plan before the  
mind of some of those who will cheerfully  
put capital into the enterprise. They  
think of completing it on the Broad Street  
side; changing the interior so as to make  
it cosy, bright and attractive; fitting it  
up for easy warming and proper ventila-  
tion; and, in a word, making an orna-  
ment out of it instead of a really objec-  
tionable place.

We see, as Bloomfield improves, how-  
ever necessary it is to have some com-  
modious and large audience room, which  
can be taken for entertainments; and  
which will itself attract the better class  
of amusements by its real neatness and  
convenience. Orange Music Hall, with  
its New England Society, its various  
stores and offices and its different rent-  
paying accommodations, is a fine model—  
though it is probably much larger than  
we should require for some years to come.

But when a number of our best citizens  
put into the treasury of this proposed  
organization the funds which are small  
to individuals but sufficient to the net re-  
sult, we shall find that they have not  
been mistaken either in financial profit  
or public spirit. Such a Hall, so com-  
pleted, with a Reading and Chess room;  
with smaller rooms for Lodges and offices;  
with a store or two on the main street;  
with a better entrance and exit; with a  
lower ceiling and pleasanter seats—could  
be made a gem in its way.

We urge this matter thoroughly upon  
all our readers. Good taste is not an ex-  
pensive luxury, and there is a simplicity  
which is charming to every eye, and  
wears well under even the hardest usage.  
We want to see such an outcome of this  
new project. At present all that it needs  
is that property owners and those who  
are making homes for themselves and  
their children, should honestly believe  
that this chance may never come again  
in such a shape. We ought to control  
this Hall ourselves. We ought to make  
it a centre of the best influences—a sort  
of Village Exchange and lounging place;  
with an inviting Reading-room, and, per-  
haps, a circulating library of interesting  
books; and with a fine broad Piazza some-  
where about it, for the summer evening  
chats and smokes of genial neighbors.  
It might also have a Gymnasium. In  
this view it can be made into that  
sort of a social club which does so much,  
wherever it is established, for any sub-  
urban town. Therefore we repeat,  
"Don't Forget Tuesday Evening at  
Eight O'clock, in Upper Library Hall."

## "KEEP OUT OF POLITICS."

How often do we hear this advice given  
by parents to children, and by the (presu-  
mably) wise old fogey to the young man  
just starting in life. Is it good advice?  
No—or yes—according to the view we take  
of politics, which is susceptible of a two-  
fold construction. 1st. Politics is the  
system or science of government, the de-  
velopment of a country's resources, a  
wise administration of laws, the protec-  
tion of life and property, and the main-  
tenance of that policy which goes to  
make a nation great. 2d. The narrow  
idea of individual preference, and the ad-  
vancement of candidates at the expense  
of the general good, or self before what  
is best to the public at large, both in the  
officer and the enforcement of laws.

Many prominent men are commended  
in that they have never accepted office,  
and are held up as examples to the young.  
The holding of office does not make the  
politician, but the holding of office should  
be the fruit of efforts put forth in behalf  
of good government or political work,  
and not the favoritism of a cabal for per-  
sonal ends. Every citizen should be a  
politician in its true and broadest sense.  
The more learned, the more we need his  
wisdom; the higher he stands in com-  
mercial circles, and the greater his pos-  
sessions, the more need of his experience  
to assist in the managing of affairs. He  
that possesses but little needs to cast in  
his efforts, that under a pure (and con-  
sequently) prosperous government he  
may not only be secure in what he has,  
but that it may be increased.

Many of what are styled "our best citi-  
zens," on election day condemn the  
ticket presented to them for their suf-  
frage, yet these same men are never seen  
in the primaries. If they can do but  
one thing let them give their efforts to  
nominate a good ticket and trust the  
chances at the polls, but he who helps to  
make a ticket we are confident will help  
to elect it.

Only by every one doing his duty can  
we hope to give our children the glorious  
heritage which came from our fathers,  
and which many of us on the battle-field  
fought to maintain. It cannot be done by  
omitting the first step, neglecting the  
primaries. Purify the spring, and the  
water that flows out will be pure.

These thoughts are called out by the  
following extract from a recent issue of  
one of the ablest financial journals pub-  
lished in New York:

"The revelations made by the Assem-  
bly Investigating Committee go to make  
up a very instructive picture of City  
Politics in the metropolis. After a  
thorough examination of the conduct of  
the principal offices under the city gov-

ernment, they declare that in hardly one  
office or department, irrespective of the  
political affiliation of the incumbents,  
did they find both honesty and efficiency,  
and that indeed the whole government  
of the City and County of New York, so  
far as they have examined it, seemed to be  
in a condition that was absolutely appal-  
ling; a condition that would not be pos-  
sible for a moment if the majority of the  
voters were alive to the dangers of their  
position, and were actuated by a proper  
public spirit. The Committee condemn  
as deserving of unqualified censure the  
manner in which the best citizens of both  
political parties hold themselves aloof  
from politics. They have discovered  
that under the conditions which have  
rendered this state of affairs possible,  
there has grown up in the city a system  
of irresponsible government; the persons  
who really exercise the power not being  
those who nominally hold the offices, but  
outside parties who cannot be held re-  
sponsible to the people for their deeds  
and misdeeds."

These words (though perhaps not to  
the same degree) are applicable to very  
many localities outside of New York  
City, and it behooves each intelligent  
voter to pause and consider how far he  
may be responsible for the low condition  
of political morals in his own neighbor-  
hood.

## GIVE HIM A CHEER.

Through our streets there walk to-  
day scores of men who are daring to do  
right. Some have felt little of the dan-  
ger. Others have been stripped to rags  
and shaken over the edges of doom. A  
few are only crawling back from the brink  
of the pit, and if ever men needed the  
help and encouragement of their brothers  
these men do.

When a man is fighting such a hard  
fight it is everything to him to know that  
he has friends—friends who will not  
desert him, even if he is led away and  
falls and comes back with bitter  
shame and utter self-loathing from his  
failure, to try again. No man, with the  
heart of a man in his bosom, will with-  
hold his hand from his sinking brother.

He will have plenty of chances to un-  
derstand the meaning of these words  
within the next thirty days. And then  
let him

"Reach a hand out to Monmouth; give Monmouth a  
cheer!"

## LOCAL ISSUES.

We have many men in Bloomfield, both  
rich and poor, old and young, Republi-  
cans and Democrats, who, in a Town elec-  
tion, seem to be thoroughly alive to the  
fact that it is a matter of personal im-  
portance to themselves, but who regard  
a National election—as they would a boat  
race or a walking match—as a matter on  
which they have opinions, perhaps decided  
ones, preferences and prejudices, perhaps  
violent ones, but in which their personal  
interest is zero. Upon men of this sort  
logic is thrown away; history, example,  
facts and figures are but so much rubbish,  
because the whole subject is a bore or  
but fuel—of use only to keep alive the fires  
of controversy without which their lives  
would become stupid. These estimable  
citizens (and unfortunately many of them  
are our very best, each in his own sphere)  
are active enough when the membership  
of the Town Committee is to be decided upon,  
when Assessor, Collector, Road Master, or  
Constable is to be selected, because they  
believe that upon the occupants of these  
different positions their own individual  
personal comfort, convenience and pros-  
perity depend in a considerable degree,  
and that the matter demands their at-  
tention as would the securing of cooks or  
clerks.

General Hancock has been much  
laughed at because he called the tariff a  
local issue. The General was right all  
the same. The mistake on his part was  
that he and his party altogether under-  
estimated the number of localities where  
it was an issue. It is an issue here in  
Bloomfield, and one of far greater im-  
portance to every citizen than any of the  
questions which called twelve different  
tickets into the field some days since,  
and gave rise to such local excitement.  
This is our text. The sermon hereafter.

## SPECIAL.

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Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first  
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United States Bonds (market value) 6,750 00  
Loans on Collateral Securities 1,100 00  
Interest due and accrued 1,969 01  
Cash on hand and in bank 9,248 60  
Safe and furniture 200 00

\$69,717 61

## LIABILITIES.

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The above is a true statement of the condi-  
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